

Timeline on Unrecognized, Single-Gender Social Organizations Policy

May 6, 2016

Harvard College makes initial [recommendations](#) for addressing unrecognized, single-gender social organizations (USGSOs) to President Drew Faust, she [accepts](#).

May 22, 2016

Professor Harry Lewis and 11 other faculty members [file a motion](#) that “Harvard College shall not discriminate against students on the basis of organizations they join.”

September 20, 2016

Harvard College Dean Rakesh Khurana [convenes](#) the [USGSOs Implementation Committee](#), chaired by Professors Doug Melton and Kay Shelemay and composed of faculty, students, and staff, to offer recommendations for implementing the 2016 USGSOs policy.

January 25, 2017

Harvard College Dean Rakesh Khurana [recommends](#) to Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Mike Smith that he establish a faculty committee to consider whether the 2016 USGSOs policy can be improved, either by changing aspects of its existing structure or through some broader revision. He has accepted that recommendation

January 30, 2017

Professor Harry Lewis and his co-signers [withdraw their motion](#).

February 17, 2017

The Implementation Committee issues its [final report](#) with recommendations for implementing the 2016 USGSOs policy.

March 6, 2017

Harvard College Dean Rakesh Khurana [responds](#) to Implementation Committee report.

March 7, 2017

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Mike Smith formally establishes [faculty committee](#) to gather and evaluate suggestions related to the 2016 USGSOs policy.

July 12, 2017

USGSOs Faculty Committee issues [preliminary recommendations](#).

August 22, 2017

Professor Harry Lewis files a [new motion](#), co-signed by 21 faculty members, which states that Harvard College shall not “discipline, penalize, or otherwise sanction students” for joining “any lawful organization.”

September 29, 2017

USGSOs Faculty Committee issues [final report](#).

November 8, 2017

Faculty [vote down](#) Lewis motion.

December 5, 2017

Harvard University President Drew Faust and Harvard Corporation Senior Fellow Bill Lee announce decision to ratify 2016 USGSOs policy.